

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 32: 1-2; 7; 10-11

### **New International Version**

Blessed is he whose sins are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

### *The Message*

*Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean. Count yourself lucky—God holds nothing against you and you're holding nothing back from him.*

*God's my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my neck.*

*God-defiers are always in trouble; God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. Celebrate God. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!*

When we disobey or reject God, we sin against God - which may also involve another person or other people. When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all that which is not right. We are made right in Christ Jesus who was, as God, always in the right or without sin!

We are told in the Old Testament that the human heart is deceitful in many ways; that is, that we are inclined by nature to be deceitful or to deceive others, but only by God can our hearts be changed such that deceit is replaced by love and kindness. Though others may continue to deceive, and to be deceived, yet we are called to live our life with love and kindness toward others - even those who deceives us and intend to hurt us!

He is our protector and our deliverer and...

I pray that you will find the protecting care of God and know that he does deliver us from deceit - both in deceiving others and in being deceived. Jesus is the truth and, in the truth, there is not deceit but only love and kindness.

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